

District 2B Presidents Meeting

Minutes from Wednesday, July 21, 2021

Invited:

Deborah Logsdon, Dewitt Millennium Garden Club

Jolanta Piecuch, District IIB Steering Committee, Awards and Flower Shows and Williamston Red Center Garden Club

Nola Hogge, Brighton Garden Club

Karen Wright, Howell Garden Club

Laura Grainger, MGC, Technology Chair, DIIB Steering Committee, Technology and Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club

Missy Koos, DeWitt Millennium Garden Club

Ronnie Polad, District IIB Steering Committee Treasurer & Garden Club of Greater Lansing

Joan Lehnard, Garden Club of Greater Lansing

Nita Campbell, District IIB Steering Committee, (Weebly and Facebook) and Meridian Garden Club

Welcome & Introductions.

- Roll Call – Type your name and club into the Chat Box. We will do a live mic roll call with the question – Garden Tours
- Carol reviewed how the District works with a Steering Committee. The Director is one of a collection of the Steering Committee acting as the District Director. District Directors were not a frequently seen person by club members. The director was often seen at special occasions like Blue Star and Gold Star dedications, at the Fall or Spring District Meetings, some club installations, etc. Presidents of District 2B are invited to meet with the District Director at these monthly meetings to help keep communication open between the District and MGC.

Big Needs:

- Youth Programs – A communications leader for the MGC. Sharon Rogers will head up the District Interest Group. Sharon's contact information is Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club, E-Mail - skirodgers55@gmail.com and Phone: 517-525-7664. District 2B has 3-4 clubs that are actively engaged in youth programs. This speaks well for our District. If a club has a person who is strong in youth programs and will be interested in the MGC Youth Programs Chair.
- Fall meeting – Flyer will be going out to Clubs, after edits are made. Add cost and hybrid/Zoom information.
- MGC Annual Conference – District 2B is the Host District. **SAVE THE DATE – June 8-9, 2021**. Each club is expected to support the Annual Conference since our District is the hosting district. Each club takes an area of responsibility. Profits from the conference is split between the clubs that participate in planning and hosting. Ann Schoals is the event coordinator. The following tasks need to be assigned:
 - Registration – Howell Garden Club (Kathy Wright took that assignment)
 - Vendors –
 - Table Favors – Dewitt (Missy Koos signed up)
 - Centerpieces –
 - MSU Tour Hosting -

Statewide Events and Announcements

- Club Rosters – Membership Updates due date, August 15th so that we can get everything into MGC on time. Checks go to Ronnie for Membership/Club payments and Rosters are emailed to Carol Grainger and then everything goes on to MGC.

District Updates

- Need each clubs FB and/or website addresses on Weebly – make sure each club has a member assigned to keep track of information on the D2B Weebly site and the D2B Facebook page. Each clubs needs a point person to check information that is being posted

on District website, District FB page and groups. Also, each club needs people to post to these sites.

- Each club needs a point person for YOUTH PROGRAMS – Sharon Rogers has agreed to organize communications to stimulate more youth activities in our District IIB clubs.
- SIGs – (also, D2B SIG Facebook Groups) need members to lead each Special Interest Group.
 - If your club has an expert who can lead a portion of the FB Group page postings, manage workshops, and other SIG activities, please send their name to me.
 - Weebly Page Club information (Update with new leadership information if you have changes in club meeting times or officers.)
 - Keep your events posted on Weebly Calendar. Contact Peggy Bryson Weebly page manager- plbryso@gmail.com

Newsletter deadline for next publication. We need your articles and calendars for August Newsletter. Deadline is July 26, 2021 – Last call for club updates. News release is August 1st.

Any club that wants to drop their accounts with Zoom and save the money, they may take advantage of using the District or MGC Zoom accounts. It is noted that the accounts have not reach capacity and using the shared account can reduce the need for each club having their own account. For Booking the District Zoom Account for meetings, events, planning sessions contact cgrainger@migardenclubs.org or lgrainger@migardenclubs.org.

Jolanta Piecuch provided a Flower Show report:

1. Flower Show Symposium – August 10-11. Anyone is welcome. Okemos. Horticulture. Judges and experts show what judges look for when submitting entries into flower shows.
 - a. Designs – a presenter will go over design concepts.
 - b. Register on MGC Flower Shower Symposium on MGC website.
2. Snow Angels District Show. December 8th (every 2 years). 1 day event. Okemos Best Western Hotel. Youth show.
3. March – District 2B Flower Show at the Home and Garden Show at MSU, March 17-20, 2022. Destination National Parks

MGC Annual Conference to include a photo display. Possibly photos used in the spring show and invite other clubs to bring photos to display. The photo judges could set the parameters for the display.

Next Meetings

3rd Wednesday of the Month

- September 15th, 2021, 4:45 PM
- Oct 20, 2021 03:30 PM
- Nov 17, 2021 03:30 PM